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Title: COMPOSITION COMPRISING ALKALINE SPHINGOMYELINASE FOR USE AS A
DIETETIC PREPARATION, FOOD SUPPLEMENT OR PHARMACEUTICAL
PRODUCT

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 15, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows: